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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel/amend/retain the claims as follows:

Claims 1-14 (Canceled).

15. (Currently Amended) A connecting device used in an aircraft to connect a movable part of said aircraft with a structural component of said aircraft, said connecting device including at least one fitting provided with at least one bearing, said fitting being made of a synthetic composite material according to a resin transfer molding method and includes a carbon fabric as a reinforcement element, said fitting being ~~and~~ secured to said movable part by gluing.

16. (Canceled).

17. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in claim ~~16~~ 15, wherein said composite material is the same as a material from which said movable part is made.

18. (Canceled).

19. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in claim ~~18~~ 15, further comprising a reactive material sewn or woven in said carbon fabric.

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20. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 19, wherein said reactive material is nylon.

21. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 15, further comprising a recess provided in said movable part, said fitting being embedded in said recess.

22. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 21, wherein said movable part includes an upper covering layer and a lower covering layer, said fitting being arranged therebetween.

23. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 22, wherein said fitting is glued with said upper covering layer and said lower covering layer.

24. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 15, further comprising additional connecting means.

25. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 24, wherein said additional connecting means include rivets or screws.

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26. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 15, further comprising an indentation provided in said movable part, wherein said fitting is embedded in said indentation.

27. (Previously Presented) A fitting for connecting a movable part of an aircraft with a structural component of said aircraft, said fitting made of a same composite material as said movable part and connected to said movable part only by gluing.

28. (Previously Presented) A fitting for connecting a movable part of an aircraft with a structural component of said aircraft, said fitting integrally formed with said movable part and made of a same synthetic material as said movable part.